



29. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 22 wherein:  
the operation is specified in a query that corresponds to a hierarchy of operations; and  
the step of assigning said at least one entity a second work partition includes  
determining whether there are any unassigned work partitions from a first  
level in the hierarchy to which said first work partition belonged; and  
if there are no unassigned work partitions from the first level in the hierarchy,  
then selecting said second work partition from a level in said hierarchy  
that is two levels above said first level in said hierarchy.

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65. (Once Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 58 wherein:  
the operation is specified in a query that corresponds to a hierarchy of operations; and  
the step of assigning said at least one entity a second work partition includes  
determining whether there are any unassigned work partitions from a first  
level in the hierarchy to which said first work partition belonged; and  
if there are no unassigned work partitions from the first level in the hierarchy,  
then selecting said second work partition from a level in said hierarchy  
that is two levels above said first level in said hierarchy.

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REMARKS

The amendment made herein is intended to improve the readability and overall clarity  
of the present application. No new matter has been added.  
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